



CIO of the
Commonwealth
Lem Stewart

Note from the CIO:

We at VITA realize that our work impacts your agency or institution every day. As a result, we are launching this monthly e-newsletter to help provide you with more information. A link will be provided each month in the Leadership Communiqué when the e-newsletter is posted, and an online subscription service will be established to permit you and others in your agency to receive it by e-mail. Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we continue to transform state government IT. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at cio@vita.virginia.gov.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lem'.

Infrastructure agreement before the General Assembly

The interim Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure Partnership agreement between VITA and Northrop Grumman is before the General Assembly as part of the "caboose bill." Information is available at http://www.vita.virginia.gov/ppea_infrastructurePartnership.cfm.

SMSA streamlines hiring of IT contract staff

Supplier Managed Staff Augmentation (SMSA) now is being used to hire contract IT employees. ComputerAid Inc. (CAI) is managing the process. After the first 25 days, CAI had filled 31 positions, 45 percent of those with contractors placed by SWAM vendors. Agencies can expect five qualified applicants' resumes within three days, 90 percent of positions filled in round one, executive level financial/performance monitoring, an efficient and standardized process, and consolidated invoicing. To achieve the benefits of consolidated buying power, executive branch agencies are required to use SMSA for all new staffing requests. Existing contracts are being migrated into SMSA with attention to individual agency business needs. More information is available at <http://www.vita.virginia.gov/procurement/smsa.cfm>.

Presentation to agencies is online

Agency representatives attended an information-sharing session about VITA and IT topics of concern to agencies on February 16. Internal auditors and security officers were briefed on February 15 on the partnership, regionalization, finances, security initiatives and audit coordination. Sessions were held February 27-28 for agency staff to discuss the move to service-based billing as it relates to federal grants. The agency presentation is online at <http://www.vita.virginia.gov/docs/presentations/presentationsFromCIO.cfm>

Generic Enterprise Dashboard launched



VITA's has a new dashboard solution that presents an at-a-glance summary of agency procurement performance using CARS, eVA and Virginia Excels data. The dashboard can be tailored to add agency-specific requirements.